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## The Resurrection Peace

Message Which the Risen Lord Brings to His Disciples.

Sermon by the "Highway and Byway" Preacher.

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Chicago, Sunday, April 3, 1904.  
Text:—"Jesus came and stood in the midst and said unto them, Peace be unto you."—John 20:19.



HE scene of our text was in an upper room at Jerusalem, possibly the very place where Jesus had last met with His disciples. Behind bolted doors the fearful and troubled and perplexed disciples had gathered to talk over the wonderful events of that eventful Resurrection day. The empty tomb, the vision of angels and their story of a risen Lord, the appearance of Jesus first to Mary Magdalene, then to the other women, then to Peter, and then to the two disciples on their way to Emmaus—all these strange things troubled them. Within their hearts was a strange mixture of fear and hope, of guilt and conscience and superstitious dread, coupled with the terror of the Jewish rulers who had wrought such bloody work in the condemnation and crucifixion of Jesus. No wonder they were ill at ease and troubled in spirit. One of them only a few hours before had cursed and sworn and denied that he knew Jesus. Two others had been clamoring under the very shadow of the cross as to which should be the chief place in His kingdom. Three of them had fallen asleep in the hour of His agony in the garden, when most of all He needed their sympathy. And all of them had forsaken Him and fled and left Him alone to endure the indignities and tortures of the trial and the suffering and death on the cross. And, with all this dark background of memory, is it strange that, as they gathered in that upper room after the surprising events of that day, they should be fearful and troubled? Realizing that their Lord was risen, and yet not understanding its full meaning and meaning, conscious that in the darkest hours of Jesus' need they had proved faithless, is it to be wondered that as Luke tells us "they were terrified and affrighted?" And it was to such a group of disciples that Jesus came and spoke His reassuring words of "Peace."

"PEACE!" "Peace which passeth all understanding." Peace which makes the troubled sea a calm. Peace which makes the soul indifferent to enemies without; to trial, persecution, hardship, danger. Peter who had covered before a maiden and in fear denied his Lord, learned what the peace meant, and he could face Jewish mobs and preach fearlessly; he could stand boldly in the presence of the Jewish rulers and charge them with the death of Jesus. And so with all the other disciples. As the peace of the risen Lord came to rule in their hearts they were indifferent alike to dangers, or trials, or persecutions. They always roiled above the storm, for they knew the meaning and power of the resurrection, and that no peril, no difficulty, no assault of the enemy could come to them except it was the will of their risen Lord and for His glory and the advancement of His kingdom among men. Peace! that wonderful peace which comes from the conscious presence of the living Lord. Surely, if that message of peace marked the Resurrection day so long ago, it should continue to be the message for all time, for consider how He who "made peace through the blood of His cross," and spake peace after His mighty victory over "death and the grave," is now at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, and ever liveth to make intercession for the saints. Peace, the peace which Jesus gives, is for you and me. We cannot live victoriously and joyfully without it. Let us receive the message of peace. Let us understand its meaning.

THERE were three distinct phases to the fearful troubled condition of the disciples' hearts as they gathered in that upper room that night, and they set forth similar conditions which exist with Christians to-day. First of all, their hearts were filled with doubts and with a sense of their disloyalty and faithlessness to their Lord. In the second place, they were in mortal dread of the Jewish rulers, and lastly, their life's hopes and plans, their expectation of filling a glorious mission, were all shattered and gone, and they knew not whither to turn. A doubting and guilty heart, a cowardly fear of enemies, a dark, uncertain future—what kind of condition was this? Surely there was no peace there. Surely it could not be expected that those disciples were ready to do of efficient or faithful service. And how can it be expected of you and me that we can serve our Lord with honor and success while doubt and guilty conscience crowd our hearts? What kind of soldiers will we make if we fear and tremble before the enemy and dare not stand boldly forth for truth and righteousness? To what purpose will we serve if we do not realize our high calling and destiny? How is it with you, dear Christian? Are you a stranger to that peace which drives out doubt, which endures with holy courage, which inspires with a conscious mission? It is not your Lord's will for you to be long to come and stand in

your midst and speak peace to your heart; to take away all doubt, to give you His courage, to point you to your place and purpose in life. And the reason you have not that peace is because the resurrection of your Lord is not a real, living, vital hope within you. You do not realize the height and depth and length and breadth of its meaning. You have accepted the fact of Christ's resurrection. You believe it much as those disciples believed it as they talked in a vague and wondering way about the miraculous events of that day. You need to have Jesus come and speak peace with all of its fullness and sweetness to your heart, even as He did to the disciples on that first Resurrection day.

PEACE came to the disciples as they realized the literalness and meaning of the resurrection of Christ. And the peace came to the heart of the Christian always. The consciousness that His Lord is a living Lord, a Lord who is in Heaven at the right hand of God, the Father, with the changed and glorified body of the flesh which He possessed during His earthly career, must thrill his being, chasing away doubt, giving heroism and definiteness of purpose. Oh, but you say, if I could only have stood with those disciples in that upper room and beheld with the natural eye the risen Lord, if I could have had the convincing proof which was vouchsafed to Thomas and put my fingers in the nail prints in His hands and feet, and thrust my hand in His side, then would the resurrection of Christ be more real and certain to me, and it would exert a more powerful influence over my life. Ah, faithless one, you forget what Jesus said: "Blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed." You forget how convincingly and overwhelmingly God has testified to the resurrection of Christ by His witnesses during those 40 days, until the company of disciples gathered on Mount Olivet beheld the risen Lord ascend into Heaven there to remain until the Gospel had been preached to every nation and His church had been made complete. You forget how to Paul was granted a vision of the risen Christ, and how Stephen saw Heaven's portals roll back and beheld the risen and ascended Christ standing at the right hand of God. You forget that we have a witness within, the Holy Spirit, to testify of the Christ and make us certain to us all the wonderful truth about Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

THE resurrection confirms and illuminates the sacrifice made on the cross, it overcomes death, and it proves the earnest of present conquest and ultimate and glorious triumph. "A dead Christ," says Eldersheim, "might have been a Teacher and a Wonder-Worker, and remembered and loved as such, but only a living and risen Christ could be the Saviour, the Life, and the Life-giver, and as such preached to all men." And you remember how forcibly Paul puts it to the Corinthians: "Whom some false teachers were declaring that there was no resurrection. He says: 'If the dead are not raised, neither hath Christ been raised; and if Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.' This fact of the resurrection is 'the foundation of the Church, the insurrection of the banner of her armies, the strength and the grand hope of humanity.' How glorious and full of meaning is the cross when we know that on the other side is the empty tomb and the risen Lord. What does the cross mean to those disciples until they understood the reality of Christ's resurrection? They knew that cross had borne the body of their Lord. They saw His body embalmed in spices and laid in the sepulcher. But think you that during those dark and awful days they realized what that cross meant to them? This was the reality that they realized that Jesus had died for their sins and the sins of the whole world? Think you that they had a sense of sins forgiven? I tell you yes, for such was impossible until they realized and understood His resurrection. The disciples had seen the dead raised, but it was only to this life. The dissolution of the body must be endured again. The widow's son must die again and be buried; Lazarus must again go into the tomb. They saw death controlled, but not overcome. But when they saw Jesus risen and changed in His glorified body, they knew that death had been overcome. "Death was swallowed up in victory." And with a Lord who could overcome Satan in the wilderness, who could endure the cross, and march in triumph through the tomb, overcoming death and the grave—what confidence and conscious power would be born in the hearts of His followers. With such a Conqueror and such a Leader it needed only the command "Go ye," and the descent of the Holy Spirit, to send the disciples forth to the conquest and on, on, towards the glorious triumph which is yet to crown the banner and cross of Jesus Christ. The light and glory of the resurrection reach back to the cross and vitillize the sacrifice there made, fill all the present with mighty power and hope, and extend on and on through eternity.

WHEN the disciples saw the Lord they were glad. Glad because all doubt was taken away, and glad because their Lord came with a message of peace, instead of accusation and condemnation. Ah, how the doubts had surged through their hearts during those days of loss and sorrow. Ah, how bitter was their sense of guilt as they remembered their desertion of their Lord. No wonder fear filled their hearts. No wonder they were troubled when they saw their Lord. Sin and faithlessness make cowards of us all, and doubt fills with confusion and fear at the thought of meeting the Lord. Are doubts filling your heart, oh Christian? Are you bearing about a load of guilt and sin? Are you conscious of having dishonored your Lord, of having felt duty's call, of having sought your own desires and pleasures? Then let Jesus come into your heart and speak His message of peace. As you wait in His presence, let the Spirit confirm to your heart as never before the blessed reality of your Lord's resurrection. Then peace will come. Only fulfilling the plans and purposes of fact of the resurrection, and you will realize that He speaks of peace instead of condemnation because He has borne your sins and your condemnation upon the cross. But doubts and sins were not the only things that prevented peace ruling in the hearts of the disciples. There were external causes for fear and trouble. The Jews who had taken the life of their Lord might come and drag them to death. They were filled with terror and self behind doubly-barred doors. It seemed to them as though the powers of evil were triumphant. They felt themselves powerless and undone. There could be no peace while they covered before the enemies of Christ. Jesus came and revealed Himself unto them as the risen Christ and they might know that all power was given unto Him in Heaven and in earth. Then the seeming triumph of evil was whithered. The power of the powers of God and working out His victory. Oh, Christian! Have you ever been overwhelmed with the sense of the power of evil? Have you ever felt that the forces that were against you were mightier than those for you? Such experiences do come. But turn to the risen Christ and let Him speak to your heart, peace. As you realize His risen power and glory, how the enemies about you will fade into insignificance! As you see your Lord, you will know that victory is yours and that no harm can befall you or persecution come which will not work out the glory and honor and purposes of God.

AND peace came to those disciples as they became conscious of a new call to service. Hopes had been shattered. Prospects dimmed. Jesus had called some from their fishing nets, and others from various avocations to follow Him in the establishing of a kingdom. They had been filled with expectation and hope. They believed in their Lord and His claims, and they believed still in His claims, but death had cut short their hopes and expectations, and they knew not whither to turn. Their mission was ended. Their vision of glory and honor and power were gone. And with such disappointment and discouragement ruling in their hearts they knew not what peace was. And has it not been so with you and me? Some cherished purpose or plan, some long ambition has seemingly been ruthlessly shattered and ended. Disappointed and discouraged, your heart has known an unrest and distress which is almost unbearable. So it seemed to the disciples in that upper room, and so it seems to you and me, sometimes. But a second time Jesus says to His disciples: "Peace be unto you, and then He adds the reassuring words: 'As the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you.' What! Everything lost! What! A new and important mission ahead, a new call to service! Surely! As the Lord liveth! That which has preceded has only been preparation. The which lies ahead is the great work to be done, the mighty mission to be fulfilled. The failures, the mistakes, the sins behind shall be but stepping stones to more complete service in the future. The disciples began to know that day what the peace of Christ meant as they heard His words and as they beheld His risen form. And so may you and I at this Easter time hear Jesus say to our hearts: "Peace." And as the heart begins to realize as never before the reality of the risen and living Lord, doubts will disappear, the glory of the cross will hide our sin and guilt forever, fear and dread of evil will vanish before the all-conquering presence of Christ, and consciousness of a new commission in the service of Christ will be felt. To you and me Jesus says: "Peace, as the Father hath sent Me, even so send I you."

ONE word more about the peace which Christ gives. It is His peace. Think of it! Not something which comes from within, but something which Jesus sends to my heart from Himself, HIS PEACE. And it is not given as the world gives, with danger of loss or with time limit attached to it, but given unceasingly, unstintedly, eternally.

"PEACE, peace!"  
Wrought by the Spirit of Might,  
In thy deepest sorrow and sorest strife,  
In the changes and chances of mortal life,  
It is mine, beloved! Christ's own bequest,  
Which whither the Tempter shall strive to wrest;  
It is now thy right.

"Peace, peace!"  
Look for its bright increase:  
Deepening, widening, year by year,  
Like a sunlit river, strong, calm, and clear;  
Lean on this love through this earthly vale,  
For His word and His work shall never fail,  
And 'He is our Peace.'"

Yes, and it is not only peace to the Christian but God promises—

"PEACE, peace!"  
To him that is far away,  
Turn, O wanderer! why wilt thou die,  
When the peace is made that shall bring thee night?  
Listen, O rebel! the heralds proclaim  
The King's own peace through a Saviour's name;  
Then yield to-day.

"Peace, peace!"  
Through Him who for all hath died!  
Wider the terms than thy deepest guilt,  
Or in vain were the blood of our Surety—  
Even because thou art far away  
To thee is the message of peace to-day,  
Peace through the Crucifixion."

## JUMPED FROM TOP OF A SKYSCRAPER

Suicide Takes Novel Means of Ending His Life.

EVERY BONE IN BODY BROKEN

People Who Were Passing on the Street Ran Away in Horror—Was Known in Louisville.

New York, April 2.—Sidney Johnston Hayden, of the Hotel Holley, this city, Friday jumped to the street from the top floor of the 21-story skyscraper at Broadway and New streets. Nearly every bone in his body was broken. When he jumped his body made one full turn backward and struck the pavement with fearful force. Most of the persons who were passing in the street ran away in horror.

Hayden was 55 years old. Nothing is known about the suicide or his business affairs. In his pocket was a letter from General Auditor Young of the Union Pacific railway, indicating that Hayden had recently applied to him for a position.

Was Known in Louisville.  
Louisville, Ky., April 2.—Sidney Johnston Hayden, who committed suicide in New York by jumping from the top floor of a skyscraper, was prominent as a railroad man, and related to many prominent Kentuckians. During his residence in Louisville, some years ago, he was one of the chief clerks in the auditor's office of the Louisville & Nashville road. After leaving Louisville he became auditor of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf road. Later he opened an office as expert accountant in New York. He was a bachelor. His mother, Mrs. A. G. Hayden, of Louisville, is the only surviving member of his immediate family. A cousin, James J. Buckner, Jr., is president of the Louisville board of trade.

## TO TEST A VOTING MACHINE.

New Device Will Be Tried at the Springfield Municipal Election Next Week.

Springfield, Ill., April 2.—The practicality of a voting machine will be tested in Springfield in the municipal election, to be held Tuesday. A machine has been installed in the fourth ward precinct of the Fifth ward, and voters are being instructed in its manipulation.

As the constitution of Illinois provides that all voting in elections shall be by ballot, some question has been raised regarding the legality of machine-voting in the state.

The machine in operation here registers votes by means of small steel balls, which are contained to be ballots, under the definition of "ballot" as given in all standard dictionaries, covering either balls or tickets.

Secretary of State Ross has approved of the method proposed to be used here.

## DENIES DAMAGING POINTS.

Mrs. Botkin Tells of Her Relations With John P. Dunning, Husband of Woman Murdered.

San Francisco, April 2.—Mrs. Cordelia Botkin was called Friday as the first witness for the defense in her trial for the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning by means of poisoned candy.

She denied all the incriminating evidence given against her by witnesses for the state.

Mrs. Botkin told at length of her relations with John P. Dunning, whom she said she first met in Golden Gate park, who had assisted financially. She said he also received \$500 from Mrs. Corbally. She said she was in Humboldt county on June 17, 1887, the date of the post mark on an anonymous letter mailed to Mrs. Dunning from San Francisco.

She denied that she wrote the letter, and also denied the statements concerning her movements in the testimony of Miss Lizzie Livernash.

She had never inquired regarding the effects of poisons, and had never contemplated suicide. She emphatically denied purchasing the handkerchief found in the box of poisoned candy. She asserted that she had never in her life been in the store of Haas & Son, where the candy is alleged to have been bought.

Conditions Improved.  
Evansville, Ind., April 2.—Flood conditions along the Ohio river are not improved Friday night. The river has been stationary here for 36 hours, and stands now at 33.3 feet. It is estimated that over one-half of the wheat crop along the Ohio river and two-thirds of the crop along White river will be entirely ruined.

Running With Non-Union Men.  
Huntington, W. Va., April 2.—Cars began running here Friday, on all lines of the Camden Interstate Electric railway for the first time since the strike of ten days ago. The cars are being operated by non-union men, the company failing to reach an agreement with the strikers.

Electrical Workers Strike.  
Cleveland, O., April 2.—Union electrical workers to the number of 235 struck Friday, as a result of the failure of the employers to sign a new wage schedule.

## SUICIDED IN HIS CABIN

Chief Engineer of Battleship Maine Takes His Life.

A Bullet From A Revolver Was Sent Crashing Through His Brain With Fatal Effect.

Pensacola, Fla., April 2.—Lieut. Commander Edgar Townsend Warburton, chief engineer of the battleship Maine, now in this harbor, committed suicide in his cabin on board that vessel Friday. A bullet from a revolver was sent crashing through the brain, and death resulted within 40 minutes afterwards. The executive officer of the ship was passing the door of Commander Warburton's cabin, when he was startled by the report of a revolver within. The bullet, after passing through the brain, came through the door and struck the rail of the ship, barely missing the executive officer. The latter notified the other officers, and the door to the commander's cabin was forced open. He was found lying on the floor in a pool of blood, and the revolver was grasped in his right hand. The commander expired shortly afterwards. No cause is known for the officer's committing the act. He appeared to be in the best of health and spirits, and within a few weeks would have been assigned to shore duty.

Many of the officers expressed the belief that death was the result of an accident, and that the commander had not committed suicide. Commander Warburton had been chief engineer of the Maine since that vessel was placed in commission. He was formerly on the Indiana.

The body will be shipped to Philadelphia, where his wife resides.

## TWO MORE NAMES ADDED.

Brings Total List of Victims of Squib Factory Explosion Up to Nine.

Scranton, Pa., April 2.—Two more names have been added to the list of victims of Thursday's explosion in the squib factory at Priceburg, making the total number of fatalities nine.

Six girls were killed outright, Elizabeth Howey, aged 16, died at 12:15 Friday morning.

Friday, Miss Mary Gilgallon, forelady of the factory, passed away. Burns and internal injuries were the immediate cause of death in each instance.

Martha Hildebrand, Sophie Faulds, two of the factory girls, and Lillie Callahan, a three-year-old child of the family living over the factory, are in a critical condition.

## MINERS AGREE ON SCALE.

Scale of Settlement Is Reduction of 6.08 Per Cent. From Last Year's Rate.

Altoona, Pa., April 2.—After a week's stubborn fight the operators and miners have agreed upon the scale to be paid in the central Pennsylvania field for one year, beginning Friday. The basis of the settlement is a reduction of 6.08 per cent from last year's rate of 66 cents for a gross ton.

The same reduction affects the machine cutters, loaders and scrapers. All other labor, both inside and outside the mines, will receive the Indianapolis cut of 5.55 per cent.

Before the scale can be signed it will be necessary for the miners' delegates to ratify it.

## LEAVE PARIS FOR THE FAIR.

French Commissioner Expects to Reach St. Louis Exposition in Time For the Opening.

Paris, April 2.—Michael LaGrave, French commissioner to the St. Louis exposition, and a number of other officials, left Paris Friday for the United States, in order to be present at the opening of the exposition. M. LaGrave had had an extended conference with President Loubet, going over the French representation, and he also saw Premier Combes.

Among the party leaving Friday was Paul Adam, the author, who is commissioned by the minister of public instruction and fine arts to study the influence of French art upon American and foreign art generally. In an interview, M. Adam said his inquiry would embrace literature, painting and sculpture, and that he also would get material for an American novel.

## TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION.

Property of Lincoln Traction Co. To Be Disposed of For Municipal Taxes.

Lincoln, Neb., April 2.—The property of the Lincoln traction company must be sold at auction again, Judge Holmes, of the district court, decided that the company's bid of \$1,025,000 on its own property did not comply with the terms of the sale. The other bid for a million and a half, made by local and foreign capitalists, was pronounced defective. The sale is for municipal taxes.

Infant Found in a Furnace.  
Lincoln, Neb., April 2.—The body of an infant was found Friday in the glowing furnace of the Lincoln Medical college. It was discovered by a student who acts as janitor, and who pulled the charred body from the coals. The police say the baby was undoubtedly alive when it was thrown in, and that it was several days old. No arrest has been made.

Sundry Civil Bill Passed.  
Washington, April 2.—The house passed the sundry civil appropriation bill without division.

## THE COPLEY, CAL., TRAIN ROBBERY

Express Messenger O'Neill Lost His Life Rather Than Submit.

THE EXPRESS SAFE WAS BLOWN

Robbers Compelled the Engineer to Run His Engine, With Them on Board, to Keswick, Where They Dropped Off.

Sacramento, Cal., April 2.—Just before 11 o'clock Thursday night, as the south-bound train reached Copley, near Keswick, three men jumped the train and cut the train in two, taking the engine and express car down the track a short distance. They stopped the engine and demanded that Messenger O'Neill open the express car. He refused, whereupon they deliberately killed him by shooting him through the head. The bandits then blew up and robbed the express car of its contents, but it is not known how much they got.

After robbing the express car the men cut the car loose, and, getting on the engine, compelled Engineer Joesink to go ahead. When near Keswick the men dropped off the engine and disappeared in the night with their plunder.

There were two safes in the car, a heavy through safe and a smaller local safe. The local safe was blown to atoms, and the top of the through safe was blown off. Tiny pieces of greenbacks and twisted coins covered the floor. It is certain that the robbers did not get a great amount of plunder, although their blundering work may have destroyed thousands of dollars.

## ENGINEER JOESINK'S STORY.

The Engineer Gives an Account of the Attack as He Saw It.

Redding, Cal., April 2.—Engineer B. F. Joesink arrived here with his light engine at midnight to take back Sheriff Richardson and a posse of eight men. Mr. Joesink says that after stopping at Copley, the noise of drawing water drowned the noise of shots that must have been fired in the express car, as W. J. O'Neill, the express messenger, was killed by bullets. Presumably the three masked men attempted to rob the express car and the messenger made a fight. The first that Joesink heard of the hold-up was after O'Neill was killed. His fireman, J. F. Spurr, was compelled to dismount.

The Blowing of the Safe.  
They, with E. A. Bissell, engineer of the second engine, A. Raymond, a fireman; Jack Depanger, conductor of the train, and a brakeman, were compelled to march back to the express car, where they saw O'Neill dead. The robbers tried to force O'Neill's helper, who was in the baggage car when O'Neill was killed, to open the safe, but the helper showed that he could not do so. Then the robbers compelled the party of seven to place six sticks of giant powder on top of the safe. Then they had a heavy box set on the dynamite, to which a fuse was ordered attached. Then all but one of the robbers left the car. He lighted the fuse. The party had just reached the locomotive when the explosion occurred. It wracked the entire car.

## COAL FAMINE MAY RESULT

The Entire State of Iowa Confronted With a Coal Famine on Account of the Strike.

Des Moines, Ia., April 2.—Des Moines and the entire state of Iowa are confronted with a coal famine as a result of the lockout which closes every mine in the state and that section of Missouri included in the territory embraced by the affected district. Not a pound of coal is to be had for sale in Des Moines, and other cities of the state are similarly affected. Local dealers have placed double rush orders with Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph and other neighboring cities, but it is only possible to secure coal in limited quantities.

## A Woman's Triumph.

St. Louis, April 2.—The beautiful statue of "Victory," the work of Miss Evelyn B. Longman, of New York city, will crown the dome of Festival hall at the World's fair, which occupies the central position of the beautiful artistic picture of the fair.

## Over Three Thousand Initiated.

Chicago, April 2.—The Royal Arcanum celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its establishment in Illinois by the initiation of 3,100 candidates at a monster reunion in the Fifth regiment armory Thursday night.

## Alleged Thief Rearrested.

Quincy, Ill., April 2.—George Heiss, who was arrested here on suspicion, last month, and later released, was rearrested Thursday, as detectives claim they have obtained clear evidence that he burglarized stores at Louisiana, Mo., and Fort, Madison, Ia.

## Ordered to St. Louis.

San Francisco, April 2.—Maj. Carlington, in command of the Philippine scouts now at the Presidio, has been ordered to start at once for St. Louis, and turn over the command, afterward reporting to the adjutant-general.

## THE WORLD'S FAIR OPENING

Programme of Proceedings, April 30, as Decided Upon.

Sousa's and Well's Bands, a Mammoth Chorus and Speech-Making the Features.

St. Louis, April 2.—The official programme for the opening exercises of the World's fair, April 30, is now complete, and will be announced as soon as the executive committee passes upon it. After much discussion back and forth between the officials the programme was finally turned over to Secretary Stevens and Col. E. C. Culp, secretary of the committee on ceremonies, who added the finishing touches.

The musical part of the exercises was unsettled until Thursday night, owing to the change from first ideas by making the exercises an outdoor observance entirely. Prof. Ernest R. Kroeger of the bureau of music conferred with members of the Choral Symphony society at the Odeon and secured definitely their promise to participate in the chorus. The Morning Choral society and the Apollo club will also take part. The combined strength of these organizations will insure a chorus of 450 voices, composed of the best musical talent in St. Louis, under the direction of Prof. Alfred Ernst. The chorus will sing the Exposition hymn, "Hymn of the West," written by Edmund Clarence Stedman.

The exercises will be held in the Plaza of St. Louis, the temporary stand for the speakers, singers, officials and guests facing north with the Louisiana monument as a background. The programme will be opened by Sousa's and Well's bands. The opening number will be the Louisiana march, composed by Frank Van der Stucken, of Cincinnati. The composer will conduct his march, which will be heard for the first time. The acceptance from Mr. Van der Stucken has been received.

The second number will be the invocation by Rev. Frank W. Gunsalus, of Chicago. Following this President Francis will receive the keys of the exposition from Director Isaac S. Taylor and deliver them to Director Skiff. Four speakers will follow President Francis, the representative of President Roosevelt leading, those selected by the foreign commissioners and the state commissioners coming next. All but one of the speakers have been decided upon, but the announcement of names is withheld.

The speeches will conclude just before noon, when the band will play the "Star Spangled Banner" as a prelude to the opening of the exposition by President Roosevelt, who, from the White House in Washington, will touch the button that will release the current starting the great engines in Machinery hall and setting in motion the wheels all over the exposition.

The cannon of Battery A will then fire the national salute of 21 guns. As the echoes die away the band will strike up "America," and led by the chorus, the national anthem will be sung by the multitude of spectators. This will close the formal ceremonies.

The ST. LOUIS GRAND JURY

The Principal Recommendation Made is the Elimination of the Police From Politics.

St. Louis, April 2.—The February grand jury, in its final report to Judge Taylor, suggests to Gov. Dockery that a non-partisan board of police commissioners be appointed, with a view to the removal of the police force from politics. Following are extracts from the report:

"The personnel of our police force is excellent, and when political considerations are not involved they are most efficient. Examples of their self-control, bravery and heroism have been placed before us, challenging our highest admiration, and their disassociation from politics would make them inferior to none; and we can not too strongly recommend to the governor of the state that this be done."

"We hold to the theory that policing is a function of the state and that power to control should be lodged with the governor, but we do strongly believe, for the best interest of the city, in the exercise of that power through the police board, partisan political influence should be entirely eliminated, and this can only be done through a non-partisan board of police commissioners."

"It is of the greatest importance for the welfare of the city that our governor Jo this at once and make the necessary changes in the present board, as the World's fair is to be opened shortly and the strain on the police force will be greater than it has ever been."

"It would simplify the conduct of municipal affairs if there were but one large legislative body of from forty to sixty members, instead of two bodies, as now is the case in this city. Our city should be run as a large corporation is run—upon business principles and entirely removed from the domain of politics."